

Egyptian envoy on Yemen mission

SANA (R) — An envoy of Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak arrived in Sanaa on Sunday in what political sources said could be a last bid to stop Yemen breaking up. Assistant Foreign Minister Badr Hammam, on his fourth visit to Yemen this year, said he was carrying a message from Mr. Mubarak to President Ali Abdullah Saleh stressing Egypt's interest in security, peace and stability in Yemen. One political source said: "This could be the last mediation attempt by any non-Yemeni party, before everybody washes their hands off." Differences which emerged last year between Mr. Saleh and his southern rival, Vice-President Ali Salem Al Beidi, are threatening Yemen's four-year-old unity. Mr. Hammam said: "Egypt's attitude is one of protecting and defending unity in Yemen and the implementation of a reconciliation accord" providing for political, military, economic and administrative reforms which Mr. Saleh and Mr. Beidi signed in Amman in February.

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Israel, PLO resume talks with conflicting ideas on final accord

CAIRO (Agencies) — Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) sat down on Sunday limited Palestinian self-rule in Gaza and Jericho and the PLO said it was impossible to clinch a deal this week.

"We are going to do our best this time to make this the last round," chief PLO negotiator Nabil Shaath told reporters on arrival at the Cairo hotel where they meet.

At Tel Aviv airport on Sunday morning, the head of the Israeli delegation, Deputy Chief of Staff Major-General Amnon Shahak, said: "I do not expect we will finish this week, but let us see what happens next week."

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Beyond police and security, debates are on stamps and parades

By Eileen Alt Powell
The Associated Press

CAIRO — On one side of the table sits Major General Amnon Shahak, born in Tel Aviv four years before Israel was founded in 1948.

On the other is Nabil Shaath, a Palestinian businessman who was eight when his family was exiled that year from Jaffa, then an Arab town, now a Tel Aviv suburb.

They lead the Israeli and Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) teams that have negotiated for six months on how to implement the Israeli-PLO peace accord signed Sept. 13 at the White House.

In talks that resumed Sunday, they hope to work out the final details of Israel's withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho, so Palestinian self-rule can begin.

They are not just debating big questions of land and security. The September accord left out dozens of the details that make an arrangement work or fail, from which broadcast frequencies the Palestinians will have to how electricity bills will be collected.

So far, the debate has been difficult — acrimonious at

times — to the point that the negotiators missed the Dec. 13 target for Israel to start the withdrawal and a second deadline, last Wednesday, for completing it.

"You have to remember that these delegations represent people who have fought each other for years," Dr. Shaath said in an interview. "This is not a quick and easy process."

Sen. Shahak, too, says strains between the two sides run deep.

In an interview with the Israeli newspaper *Yedioth Achronot*, he decried the Palestinian team's anger when Israel recessed the talks earlier this month to mark "holocaust day".

"Nabil is perhaps one of the few on the other side who knows something about the holocaust," Sen. Shahak said. "It could be that we have the same problems in understanding their sensitivities."

The Palestinians, exiles or living under occupation, want not only the corner of Palestine offered for autonomy, but anything that can be construed as a symbol of the future state they seek.

One argument has been over whether they would have their own postage stamps. Dr. Shaath, 54, is a stamp collector.

His main business is publishing children's books in Arabic, but he also has published a book of Palestinian postmarks and stamps from Ottoman and British-mandate times.

The Israelis have sought to focus the negotiations on security, for Jewish settlers in the occupied territories and for Israel itself.

That is Sen. Shahak's area. A career military man, he commanded a paratroop unit in the 1967 Middle East war, when Israel seized Gaza and the West Bank. He also served in intelligence and is now the army's deputy chief of staff.

At Cairo's Al Gezirah Sheraton, the negotiating teams have their own meeting and sleeping rooms on separate floors. They take turns playing host to meetings and each has its own security guards.

In their meetings, which sometimes run well beyond midnight, the negotiators share coffee, tea and pastries. They usually eat their meals separately, however, with the Israelis preferring the hotel buffet and the Palestinians a kebab grill.

During the week of passover, when Jews observe special dietary restrictions, the Israeli team flew in its own chef and "kosher for Passover" ingredients.

Efforts to avoid journalists have produced some strange rumours. During one session at a secret site, photographers were convinced the negotiators were aboard a cruise boat on the Nile. They were not.

Dr. Shaath said the talks are generally "businesslike" and that, while there have been



Palestinian chief negotiator Nabil Shaath (left) arrives at a Cairo hotel on Sunday to resume self-rule negotiations with Israel (AFP photo)

discrepancies, "I don't remember them ever getting out of hand or people trading blows or using nasty words."

Some of the arguments sound almost frivolous. When the Palestinians demanded that their 9,000-man police force be deployed with ceremony, Sen. Shahak complained: "I don't understand. What do they

mean, by a parade?"

To Dr. Shaath, "deployment with flair" is critical.

"Psychological needs are very important," he said. "We want our people to see that the police are coming in with honour, with their heads held high — that they are proud police, by and for the Palestinian people."

Top leader of most feared Algerian armed group dead

ALGIERS (Agencies) — One of the warlords of the Islamic Armed Group, a radical organization hunting down foreigners, has been killed, security forces announced Saturday.

Sayyid Attia, "emir" of the Medea region, was killed in a confrontation in February but his body was only recently identified, the announcement said.

Attia's death further weakens the leadership structure of the Islamic Armed Group, considered the fiercest of numerous Muslim fundamentalist groups waging a holy war for the past two years against Algeria's military-backed government.

The group, which targets foreigners among others, is firmly opposed to dialogue espoused by President Liamine Zeroual to end the violence. In November, it threatened to kill Muslim fundamentalist leaders who accept talks.

The Islamic Armed Group's top chief, Mourad Si Ahmad, known as Jaafar Al Afghani, was also killed in February along with nine of his lieutenants in a police operation in Algiers.

There had been rumours of Attia's death but no confirmation.

Some 250 attacks were attributed to Attia, including the December massacre of 12 Christians working on a construction project in Tamezaguida, near Blida, south of the capital. He was held responsible for the Dec. 2 killing of a Spaniard and for the Jan. 11 massacre of the governor of Tissemsilt and 18 other regional officials.

Attia, a volunteer in the Afghanistan civil war, was his organisation's warlord for the region of Medea, 100 kilometres south of Algiers.

Among the leaders of the Islamic Armed Group still at large are Mouloud Hattab, "emir" of the eastern coastal region around Algiers, and Cherif Gousmi, "emir" of the Birkhadem region, west of the capital.

Mr. Hattab is held responsible for the August assassination of former Premier Kasdi Merbah, killed in a highway attack, and Mr. Gousmi is said to have organised the March 22 killings of a Frenchman and his son whose throats were slit in front of their family.

Plausible explanation of disaster still eludes U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The more the Pentagon has disclosed about the downing of two American helicopters by two U.S. jet fighters over Iraq, the harder it has become to understand how the tragedy could have happened.

The nation's top military officer told reporters Friday that the fighter pilots who mistook the army Blackhawk helicopters for Iraqi choppers used an electronic signaling system to check whether they were friend or foe but got no response.

That disclosure by General John Shalikashvili, chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, did not necessarily exonerate the pilots of responsibility for the accident Thursday, in which all 26 men and women aboard the helicopters were killed.

Most of the 18 new ministers are top civil servants, assuring Mr. Zeroual a free hand in pursuing his policies. The president, appointed Jan. 31, has said he had made contact with jailed leaders of the Islamic Salvation Front, the main fundamentalist movement, before taking office and intends to pursue that course.

The spiralling violence which has left some 4,000 people dead in two years, including 32 foreigners, was triggered when the army cancelled January 1992 legislative elections to thwart a likely Islamic Salvation Front victory.

The APS news agency quoted security forces as saying that Tahri Belkacem, 32 brother-in-law of jailed fundamentalist leader Abassi Madani, had also been killed.

Belkacem was sprung from a top security prison near the eastern town of Batna in a spectacular raid by dozens of armed militants last month. At least 900 prisoners escaped, including more than 200 men on death row for fundamentalist activities.

The security forces said earlier they had killed more than 60 of the fugitives.

Belkacem was serving a life sentence for a bomb attack on Algiers airport in August 1992 in which nine people were killed and more than 120 wounded.

APS said that a journalist, Mohammad Mecefieku, working for the weekly Detective was killed last Wednesday in a market some 35 kilometres northwest of the town of Chlef. He was at least the 13th journalist to be killed since May 1993 in attacks blamed on militants.

An Iraqi Kurdish villager was farming about 300 metres from where the first helicopter crashed.

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automatic.

And, in the absence of a response from the helicopters, why would not the F-15 pilots have taken additional steps — such as attempting to contact them by radio — especially in light of the fact the F-15s knew U.S. choppers were operating in U.S. airspace?

Gen. Shalikashvili also said the codes and other necessary settings for the electronic "friend or foe" identification systems used by U.S. and allied aircraft "were in fact correctly spelled out" to all involved before the Blackhawks started their flight.

All involved also had been told which radio frequencies to use, the general said.

Defence Secretary William Perry said all U.S. and allied fighter patrols of the "no-fly" zone set up in northern Iraq were suspended Friday to review safety procedures.

AWACS radar control planes continued to fly Friday, keeping a lookout for possible

Iraqi violators of the zone, officials said. They could call on allied fighters in the area, if they spotted suspicious flights, the officials said.

The victims' remains were flown from an air base in Turkey to Rhein main air base in Germany for formal identification and eventual return to their respective nations. They include 15 Americans, three Turkish officers, two British officers and one French officer, plus five Kurds.

The "friend or foe" identification normally works automatically if activated. That is, once the F-15 pilots had used their system to "interrogate" the Blackhawks below them, the system on board the choppers should have automatically sent back a coded signal saying, in effect, "we're friends."

Gen. Shalikashvili said one of the aims of the investigation was to determine why no proper reply was received by the F-15s.

Officials said the pilots reported that from visual inspection of the helicopters they

believed they were Iraqi aircraft. It was not clear whether the fighter pilots asked the AWACS for confirmation, or for permission to fire.

Gen. Shalikashvili said procedures used in allied operations over northern Iraq did not require the pilots to ask the AWACS for permission to fire.

Also, Mr. Perry said, the pilots did not try to establish radio contact with their targets before firing, and that this was not required by procedures.

Even so, it remains a mystery why the F-15 pilots took no additional steps to confirm the helicopters' identity, especially since the choppers' flight plan had been given in detail the day before to all concerned — including the F-15 pilots. In addition, the Blackhawks posed no apparent security threat to the fighters, and no Iraqi helicopters had ever been seen flying that far north.

Mr. Perry said many questions remain to be answered about the incident, and that "if individuals are found culpable, we will discipline them."

Witnesses describe downing of two U.S. helicopters

NAHLA VALLEY, Iraq (AP)

— The two U.S. helicopters downed by "friendly fire" this week were flying close together along this narrow valley when a pair of jets appeared from the mountains to the north, witnesses said Saturday.

The jets — U.S. F-15s, it turned out — descended and circled above the helicopters three times. Then, each jet brought down one of the choppers, the witnesses said.

They then circled the scene once more before departing to the west," said General Ali Osman of the Kurdish Democratic Party (KDP).

Gen. Osman is regional commander for the Aqrah region, where the helicopters were shot down Thursday by the U.S. jets, which apparently mistook them for Iraqi craft.

"We are very, very unhappy. They came for humanitarian purposes and became victims," Gen. Osman said of the victims.

He claimed to have made a video of the incident with a camera brought by his team to film a weekly tour of the area for broadcast on Iraqi Kurdish television.

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It broke apart in the air then the pieces landed," said Aziz Mohammad Amin.

Wreckage remained in his onion field, strewn over an area of about 60 square metres. A tree smoldered from the fire that consumed the helicopter when it crashed.

A piece of an engine, boots, a sleeping bag, food wrappers, a half-burned survival manual and other personal effects littered the field. A charred piece of scalp was also observed.

The KDP had sealed off the area under orders from the Military Command Centre (MCC) run by the U.S.-led coalition force in Zakhro. But a team of Associated Press reporters were able to reach one of the wreckage sites with the help of Iraqi Kurdish guides.

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Mr. Saib said the colonels were flying to Saladin, near the city of Erbil, to meet with the representatives of the U.N. office which coordinates humanitarian efforts with the MCC and with Mr. Barzani.

Twenty coalition force personnel, including 12 Americans, are based at the coordination centre.

U.S. Navy Commander Ron Morse, a spokesman for the European command in Stuttgart, Germany, said command of the centre would be assumed under a "clear cut procedure," without providing details.

Iraqi Kurdish television asked every person to display a black piece of cloth in mourning for the victims. Several cars could be seen with black ribbons flying from their antennas.

Black banners also appeared on the roadsides, like the one on the road from Aqrah which said in English "Martyrs of U.N. will forever stay in our hearts."

The bodies of the victims were flown to Germany on Friday.

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Pandora's Box
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Black Powder
22:00 ... Top Tops

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Armenian Orthodox Church Tel:
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Warm weather conditions will prevail with temperatures rising above average. Clouds will appear at different altitudes as winds become north-easterly light to moderate, in Aqaba, it

will be dusty and warm, winds northerly moderate, and seas calm.
Min./Max. temp.
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NEW OFFICERS OF THE LAW: Her Royal Highness Princess Basma presents certificates to graduating policewomen who completed the requirements of officer training. Princess Basma received Mrs. Berri, wife of speaker of Lebanese parliament. Nabih Berri, who is currently on a visit to Jordan, Princess Basma reviewed with Mrs. Berri the achievements made by Jordanian women and the efforts being made to activate the role of women in the Kingdom. The Princess also briefed Mrs. Berri on the National Strategy for Women. (Petra photo)

U.S. adds \$3.4m to aid package

AMMAN (J.T.) — Minister of Planning Ziad Fariz, U.S. Ambassador to Jordan Wesley W. Egan and William T. Oliver, director of the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) in Jordan, Sunday signed amendments to two agreements providing an additional \$3.4 million in economic assistance to Jordan, according to a U.S. embassy statement.

The first amendment, to the Technical Services and Feasibility Studies (TSFS) Project agreement, provides an additional grant of \$2 million, raising the total financing to this project to \$19.5 million, said the statement.

The TSFS Project assists the government of Jordan and the private sector in improving the efficiency of services provided in a wide range of sectors, said the embassy.

In the fields of water, environment and health, the TSFS Project contributed to the design for the upgrading of Al Samra Wastewater Stabilisation Ponds and provided technical assistance to Al Amal National Cancer Centre as well as to the establishment of the National Blood Bank branch in West Amman; in the field of tourism promotion, the TSFS partially financed the restoration of the Amman Citadel, the development of the Madaba Tourism Park, the excavations of the Byzantine church in Petra, and the renovation of the resthouses in Pella and Umm Qais in the north of Jordan.

In the field of housing and urban development, the TSFS financed the procurement of a geographical information sys-

tem and the 1994 National Housing Survey for the Housing and Urban Development Corporation.

A second amendment, said the statement, on the Agricultural Marketing Development Project provides an additional U.S. contribution of \$1.4 million, raising the total financing to this project to 8.3 million dollars.

The Agricultural Market Development Project, which is being implemented by the Agricultural Marketing Organisation (AMO) and the newly established Exporters Association, aims at increasing fruit and vegetable exports by providing farmers with expertise in quality improvement, crop diversification and identification of export markets opportunity, the statement said.

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Video game centres to be scrutinised

AMMAN (J.T.) — Some video game centres in Jordan are causing concern among the authorities because they have been transformed from "innocent recreational centres" into places that lead to social disintegration and immoral behaviour among youth, said Minister of Social Development Mohammad Sqour Sunay.

Some of these centres have actually contributed to students dropping out of school and juvenile delinquency because many teenagers have been frequenting these places without parental approval, said Dr. Sqour.

In addition, he said, one of the video game centres which offer snookers, billiards and flippers have become a meeting place for gambling teenagers.

Dr. Sqour said that a meeting to be attended by representatives of the ministries of interior, youth and industry and trade in addition to other concerned authorities to discuss the situation will be held Monday.

He said he was calling for a halt to issuing licences for new centres until a new set of regulations governing these centres has been issued including heavy penalties for violators.

HOME NEWS IN BRIEF

King congratulates Syria, Zimbabwe

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Sunday sent a cable to Syrian President Hafez Al Assad, congratulating him on Syria's Independence Day. King Hussein wished President Assad continued good health and happiness and the Syrian people further progress and prosperity. Also Sunday, the King sent a cable to Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe congratulating him on his country's national day and wishing him continued good health and happiness and the people of Zimbabwe further progress and prosperity.

Sharif Zeid returns

AMMAN (Petra) — Royal Court Chief Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker Sunday returned home after a short visit to Yemen during which he conveyed messages from His Majesty King Hussein to Yemeni President Ali Abdulla Saleh and Vice President Ali Salem Al Beidi. The message dealt with the Jordanian efforts to find a way out of the political crisis in Yemen and means of implementing the reconciliation accord signed in Amman last February.

Jordan supports Lebanon's sovereignty — Majali

AMMAN (Petra) — Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali Sunday said Jordan was intent on maintaining close contacts and coordination with all the Arab parties to the Middle East peace process, including the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and seeks to unify Arab countries' stand vis-a-vis issues facing the Arab nation.

Speaking at a meeting in his office with visiting Lebanese Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri, Dr. Majali said the Kingdom supports Lebanon, its sovereignty and territorial integrity, and its just cause, and backs the country against dangers and repeated aggressions on its southern regions, stressed the prime minister.

Referring to the Middle East peace process, Dr. Majali reiterated Jordan's stand with regard to a durable and

comprehensive settlement that would guarantee the rights of all Arab parties.

For his part, Mr. Berri voiced Lebanon's appreciation of the Jordanian stand and its support for Lebanon.

He said Lebanon's main concern at present was to reestablish security and stability, adding that the Lebanese government has adopted a plan to rebuild the country's infrastructure which sustained severe damage during the civil war.

Mr. Berri said Beirut was determined to reconstruct the devastated parts of southern Lebanon which, he said, are still exposed to Israel's repeated acts of aggression.

Speaker of the Lower House of Parliament, Taher Masri, Minister of State for Legal Affairs Khalid Al Zou'bi and Jordan's Ambassador to Lebanon Fathi Abu Taleh and Lebanon's Ambas-



Speaker of the Senate Ahmad Lawzi Sunday meets with speaker of the Lebanese Parliament Nabih Berri (Petra photo)

sador to Jordan were present at the meeting.

Mr. Berri later met with Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament Ahmad Lawzi and voiced his country's con-

cerns about the Hebron massacre and Israel's repeated attacks on southern Lebanon.

Mr. Berri called for the creation of a joint Jordanian

Lebanese parliamentary committee to serve as a nucleus for a larger gathering of Arab parliamentarians to work towards consolidating inter-Arab relations.

Former Egyptian minister suggests options to achieve solidarity through economic forces

By Natasha Bukhari
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Arabs have a better chance now than ever before to achieve unity and solidarity, according to former Egyptian Minister of Economy Mustafa Al Sa'id.

Talking about "Arab economy and the challenges of peace" at Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation, Dr. Al Sa'id Saturday said that if Arabs join economic forces, they have the chance to contain the Israeli economy and use it to their (Arabs') advantage.

He stressed, however, the need for Arabs to study their position vis-a-vis the global

economy to benefit as much as possible from the peace process.

The lecturer said that Arabs have two options to advance their economy in the post peace stage; the first would be to take a neutral stand towards Israel in terms of economic exchange, the other alternative, according to Dr. Al Sa'id would be to establish joint market forces with the Israelis, "assuming that the peace process does succeed," explained Dr. Al Sa'id.

The economist warned that Israel would probably try to monopolise the Arab economy, but that Arabs have to "play the game very careful-

ly" in order to be able to face up to the coming challenges.

"Arabs have to strongly support the Palestinian and Jordanian economic status to prevent Israel from taking over the area's market," said Dr. Al Sa'id.

The lecturer's optimism, he said, comes from his belief that peace will make Arabs more aware of the necessity to join forces and would finally form an economic ideology parallel to that of the West, he concluded.

Dr. Al Sa'id warned Arabs against rushing into a unified Middle Eastern market at this stage and said the Arabs were not yet well equipped to oppose any Israeli attempt to

control a possible joint Middle Eastern market, especially that it (Israel) will receive support from the U.S. and the West.

"To achieve the results we want in the proposed Middle Eastern joint market, we have to first set a strategy by which we can guarantee the dominance of the Arab market," said Dr. Al Sa'id, adding that it was important for Arabs now to think rationally and prevent sentimentality from affecting their judgement at this "crucial" stage.

Reactions of participants to the lecture varied from appreciative to harshly critical. "How can you talk about an Arab economy; it is non-existent and a farce," charged one attendee.

Dr. Al Sa'id, however, maintained that an Arab economy cannot be brushed off just because it is currently disintegrated. He added that Arabs have excellent material and human resources that, if utilised properly, would enable their economies to bloom.

The lecturer concluded that economic integration is essential for Arabs, not only for financial gains, but also for achieving political stability. Dr. Al Sa'id called on all Arabs to make use of this transitional period and arm themselves to face up to the challenges ahead.

Paris-based Arab cultural institute cannot be receptacle of political unity — visiting official

By Sa'eda Kilani
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — At the Arab World Institute (IMA) in Paris, Arabs can have the luxury of expressing their opinions freely but they should not expect it to become a receptacle of Arab political unity, according to IMA president Edgar Pisani.

"Arabs would want the institute to make the Arab World appear as a homogeneous culture ... but political reality dictates otherwise," Mr. Pisani said Saturday at a seminar held at the Royal Cultural Centre. "I have even been asked to prepare for a huge Arab cultural event that the Arab countries

themselves were not able to host."

The Arab World Institute (IMA) was established in Paris in 1987. It includes a museum, an information centre, an audio-visual section, a permanent exhibition displaying works of art, as well as a data bank for information about cultural activities in the Arab World and France.

Mr. Pisani, former minister, senator and deputy, was critical of the divisions that plague the Arab World and which have their negative implications on all domains, especially in the cultural field. He pointed out that the absence of one unified Arab

cultural authority makes the IMA task more difficult.

He also criticised what he saw as an unclear message the Islamists are spreading throughout the world. He criticised the Islamists' in referring to a response to a book for children by a Tunisian author in which the stories of the Koran were animated, which led to the banning of the book in France.

He also criticised what he termed the attitude of Islamists towards culture and modernism.

"It is a major concern: We hear voices that the Arab World is heading toward modernism but there are also voices that reflect another image," he said.

"The objective is to pre-

sent to the Western public the rich cultural heritage of the Arab World," he said adding that the exhibition on Syria, which is currently being held at the Paris-based institute, is expected to attract more than 400,000 visitors.

Presenting an overall view of the institute's works, books, exhibitions and activities, Mr. Pisani said he hoped the IMA will become one of the most important cultural centres to reflect Arab civilisation in the West.

"Between six and eight hundred readers frequent our libraries every day," he said. "If we have the means, we could attract more."

WHAT'S GOING ON

FILM

★ Film in French entitled "La Controverse De Valladolid" at the French Cultural Centre at 8:00 p.m.

LECTURES

★ Lecture entitled "Jordan's Living History: Wild Flowers" by Dr. Dawud Al Eisaui at the Friends of Archaeology headquarters at 7:00 p.m.

★ "Special" recording by poet Omar Abu Rishah at the Phoenix Gallery for Art and Culture at 7:00 p.m.

MUSICAL PERFORMANCE

★ A one-hour show of a videotaped variety of classical music at the student multi-purpose building at the University of Jordan (12:00 noon - 1:00 p.m.)

EXHIBITIONS

★ Exhibition by artist Mustafa Al Hallaj at Baladna Art Gallery, Gardens St. (Tel. 687598).

★ Child Needs Expo at the International Auto Exhibition, Airport Road (Tel. 653854).

★ Plastic art exhibition by artist Ali Mimrat at the Royal Cultural Centre.

★ Art exhibition by artist Latifa Yousef at the Royal Cultural Centre.

★ Exhibition by artists Alia Ammoura, Dorothy Mango, Hind Nasar, Janine Seaf, Lucy Marto, Tete Wedgwood at Ab'd Art Gallery (10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.) (Tel. 819861).

★ Exhibition of calligraphy at Ortali Art Gallery (Tel. 826932).

★ Paintings exhibition by Jordanian and Lebanese artists Jamal Khanim and Jaled Saleem at Alia Art Gallery (9:30 - 12:30, 15:00-18:00) (Tel. 639303).

★ Graphics exhibition by artist Burhan Saleh Mohammad at the Phoenix Gallery for Art and Culture (Tel. 695291).

★ Book exhibition at the International Exhibition Centre, University Road.

★ Engraving exhibition by artist Jean-Pierre Pinetain at the French Cultural Centre.

★ Exhibition by Jordanian and Iraqi artists at the Italian Language Centre (9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.) (Tel. 669348).

★ "Spring Exhibition 1994" at the Jordan Plastic Art Association Gallery (Tel. 699914).

★ Jordanian-Iraqi contemporary exhibition by over 80 artists at Am Art Gallery in Wadi Saqra (9:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m.) (Tel. 644451).

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political organisation enters the occupied Palestinian territories and that the Palestinian people restore their legitimate rights on their national soil," he said. "It is then the kind of relation between Jordan and the Palestinians will be determined."

On Jerusalem, Dr. Majali said while PLO officials had

agreed to discuss the issue of Jerusalem in the second phase of talks, Jordan believed that Jerusalem is the major problem, given the current state of inter-Arab division. "There is no peace without Jerusalem," Dr. Majali said.

On recent incidents aimed at destabilising security and stability in the country, Dr. Majali said perpetrators of these crimes were trained abroad to use arms.

Senate hails King's stands

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ing the elements that cause tension and further deterioration of the situation.

Jordan has always fought hard against terrorism and has paid dearly with the blood of its citizens while firmly confronting terrorism.

Jordan has always proved to be firmly opposed to violence as a tool in political action, and the country's long history attests to that because the Kingdom has been working towards the establishment of just peace.

Had all parties responded favourably to Jordan's endeavours, the Middle East region would have been in a better situation and its peoples would have long been saved from the vicious cycle of violence.

Based on these facts, Jordan strongly rejects any accusation directed at it for allegedly being lenient or condoning terrorism. Jordan considers such accusations as groundless serving as a prelude to justify aggressive pressures on the Arab Nation and its future generations.

The Senate stresses that the Jordanian people, regardless of their origins, stand firm and united behind their King in defence of the homeland, its sovereignty and stability.

Israel has peace plan for Syria

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vital on the Golan.

Security arrangements including demilitarised areas. The arrangements would be mutual but not symmetrical. The demilitarised area on Syria's side would be deeper than the one on Israel's side.

Israel's demands of Washington include more U.S. stationing of weapons and ammunition in Israel and of supply ships for U.S. forces

dedicated to the Gulf and Balkans near Israel's coast and increased use by the U.S. Sixth Fleet of Israel's Haifa port.

Israel would also ask Washington to keep military aid at its present level of \$1.8 billion annually.

Hizbullah was expected to visit Israel on April 28. Israeli officials said no date had been set but he was likely to visit at the end of the month during a Middle East peace shuttle.

Israel warns PLO over Hamas

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negotiations but that Fatah rejected any independent Hamas military operations against Israel.

"We know that the purpose of the attacks is to ruin the peace talks so how could we cooperate on them," he said. "Everything that is signed we will carry out, period... Hamas and PLO activists will be arrested if they break laws."

Israel and the PLO have both predicted that the self-rule could be in place by June. An Israeli official, who demanded anonymity, said Israel had no problem with Hamas and Fatah coordinating, as long as it was on the political level.

If Hamas sees itself as part of the political arena and accepts the authority of the PLO, "that's fine," the official said. "If the agreement is the PLO does politics and Hamas does terrorism, I don't see the Israel-PLO agreement as working out."

Cabinet ministers expressed satisfaction with a decision by Jordan to limit Hamas activities in the Kingdom.

"What we want is for Hamas to be outlawed and not have a capacity to operate in any country which says it wants peaceful relations with Israel," Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein said.

Kigali carnage continues

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with a convoy of about 150 vehicles on Tuesday, a Belgian armed forces spokesman said.

Ten Belgian U.N. peacekeepers were killed by government soldiers when the latest bloodbath exploded. Rwanda gained independence from Belgium in 1962.

Ghanian soldiers who believe the Belgians at Kigali airport, the Brussels spokesman said.

The airport and certainly the runway could be seriously damaged, so quite a lot of troops could become trapped like rats in a net," Foreign Minister Willy Claes said in Brussels.

More than 4,000 foreigners have been evacuated from Kigali in recent days.

Belgium's 420 U.N. peacekeepers in Rwanda can start withdrawing overland

Israel-PLO talks resumed

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have.

Israel wants Israelis of all kinds to be immune from prosecution in the Palestinian courts and is also seeking provisions to protect Palestinians who have collaborated with the Israeli authorities during the 27 years of occupation.

Mr. Dahlia told reporters the PLO was committed to finding a solution for the collaborators and had drawn up a document on it but the subject had not yet come into the picture.

The Palestinians have been trying to win for Gaza and Jericho as many of the attributes of statehood as possible, including judicial independence. Israel tends to play down these attempts, saying self-rule is limited and temporary.

Israel's opposition leader said Saturday that, if elected prime minister, he would not see himself bound by the autonomy agreement with the PLO.

Benjamin Netanyahu, leader of the right-wing Likud Party, charged that the PLO has repeatedly broken promises made to Mr. Rabin, such as refraining from attacks on Israelis and rescinding its charter.

This agreement hasn't been valid from the moment the PLO started to cancel it," Mr. Netanyahu said on Israel Radio. "Not because I don't like it, and I don't, but because an agreement that doesn't oblige the PLO certainly doesn't oblige us."

General elections in Israel are scheduled for 1996.

Mr. Netanyahu said that as prime minister he would seek to annex the West Bank and grant the Palestinians limited self-rule.

We are proposing autonomy for the Arabs under Israeli sovereignty," Mr. Netanyahu said. "Only the Israeli army, and not some army of terrorists, will be the sole body in charge of security in all the areas from the Jordan River westwards."

Mr. Netanyahu said he would negotiate the terms of autonomy with Palestinians chosen in elections held under international supervision.

Mr. Netanyahu's predecessor as Likud chief, former Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, had opposed both international supervision of elections and the arming of Palestinian police officers.

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By Waleed Sadi

THE PREFERENCE FOR

the male gender in developing countries took a turn to the worse when science and medical technology were consecrated arbitrarily deployed for this purpose. Ultra sound technology has enabled parents to discover the sex of the offspring months before birth and in many countries female fetuses are being summarily aborted. New medical knowledge has also enabled would-be parents to select the sex of their children by medical manipulations and chromosome and gene selection that determine whether the child will be a boy or a girl. The problem is particularly acute in India where the normal ratio between males and females has been drastically disrupted in recent years to the advantage of males. Other parts of the developing world are also plagued with this new wave of sex selection. Jordan is also afflicted with this problem, albeit on much smaller scale than other countries

where the male is still viewed as some kind of superior being enjoying more economic potential and cursed by much less social tribulations.

In my estimation, this phenomenon has reached a point where international and state intervention have become necessary; I found myself referring to this issue whenever the Human Rights Committee (HRC), entrusted with the mandate of monitoring the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), meets to consider state reports and individual complaints. Although my colleagues in the HRC are largely of the liberal vintage who often laud me as some of "Reagan" appointee due to my conservative position on law and order matters, they are often stunned by my sudden outbursts about the need to regulate this sex selection crisis. My repeated intervention on this subject is beginning to make an impact on some of the 18-member expert group that man the quasi-legal human rights tribunal.

HUMAN RIGHTS FILE

New wave of sex discrimination plagues Third World

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graph of the Declaration of the Universal Declaration on Human Rights of 1948 echoed this sentiment when it stated that "everyone is entitled to all the rights and freedoms... without any distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, etc." Likewise, the above mentioned ICCPR, talked in the same vein when in its second article it stipulated that "each state party... undertakes to respect and to ensure to all individuals within its territory and subject to its jurisdiction the rights recognised in the present Covenant, without distinction of any kind, such as race, colour, sex, etc."

Neither the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women of 1979 nor the Convention on the Political Rights of Women of 1954 add much to the notion against discrimination against females since they all direct their attention after the birth of the female and do nothing to prevent discrimination prior to or during conception and before the birth of children.

This brazen omission in international norms needs to be rectified soon before the crisis reaches new proportions. Once international actions gets underway, states can be expected to follow suit in no time.

Meanwhile, Jordan can take a leadership role in this endeavour by showing the way for ending discrimination against female offsprings. This could be done with relative ease by regulating gender selection and incriminating any violation thereof. There is more to human rights than just formation of political parties or holding periodic national elections. Many other aspects of human rights that are just as important are often neglected or ignored. The right to life of female children is surely very high on the list of priorities of all human rights endeavours and Jordan is uniquely positioned to spearhead the crusade for its protection and promotion as a matter of the highest priority.

Locusts, rumours of war invade Northern Cape

By Anton Ferreira

Reuter

SPRINGBOK, South Africa

— Willem Van Jaarsveld sits on the porch of his farm gazing at the locust-swept desert and predicts a future for South Africa as bleak as the landscape before him.

"It's all right for me," the 73-year-old right-winger tells a visitor to his barren farm here in the sparsely populated Northern Cape, one of South Africa's nine new regions.

"My wife and I will not be around much longer. But our children, and their children, will see some ugly things in the new South Africa," he says.

According to opinion polls, this could be one of two regions to be held by the predominantly white National Party, which invented apartheid in 1948 to keep the

black majority at bay but now renounces the policy in its campaign for reelection.

Mr. Van Jaarsveld and others like him will boycott the election, heeding the call of the far-right Conservative Party which says the poll is a recipe for a Communist takeover.

Most Northern Cape inhabitants are mixed-race people, classified coloured by apartheid, many of whom feel their destiny lies with President F.W. de Klerk rather than Nelson Mandela, the black hero who leads the African National Congress (ANC).

"A vote for the ANC is a vote for the Kaffirs," said Patrick Ukena, a coloured beggar outside a liquor store in the town of Pofadder, using the South African pejorative for blacks.

"How can the Kaffirs help us coloureds? They've got

Africa as the archetypal one-horse town."

"I've got nothing against the ANC itself, but it's together with the Communists," said Mr. Basson, scrapping dead locusts from a car that had driven through thick swarms of the insects that are sweeping across the region like a biblical plague.

In the remote Roman Catholic mission station of Pella, an oasis of date palms in the surrounding desert, pro-ANC schoolchildren discuss rumours of threats by white neo-Nazis in the area to attack their hotel if the ANC wins the election.

"They should close our school for a couple of weeks after the election to be on the safe side," one boy said.

U.N. observers based in the region said the level of political tension and intimidation was low relative to the rest of South Africa.

"This is the best part of the country in terms of holding free and fair elections," said the U.N. mission head Riccardo Shedid from Libya.

The election message has stretched even into the Rich-

tersveld, an inaccessible mountain wilderness on the Namibian border where nomads herd goats and Bushmen hunt rare succulents.

"Parts of this region are incredibly remote," said one of Mr. Shedid's colleagues.

"The people don't have electricity, radio or television. The concept of Western democracy is completely new to them."

One of South Africa's many white separatist groups, the Afrikaner People's Institute (Avstig) led by Carel Boshoff, has identified the Northern Cape with its low number of blacks as the most logical site for a Volkstaat.

Mr. Boshoff claims growing support for the idea among the people of the region, but Springbok businessman Jopie Kotze said an Avstig meeting in the town had drawn only 14 people.

"Boshoff might want the Northern Cape, but we're not so sure we want him," said Mr. Kotze.

Pofadder hotel owner Gerrie Brits also rejected the Volkstaat idea.

To whom Jerusalem belongs

Delaying negotiations over the Holy City

will further complicate the situation

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Jewish residential fortress settlements.

Most of the Palestinian property in East Jerusalem was seized in three waves as follows:

First wave: In January of 1968, 4,000 dunums (1,000 acres) of privately owned Palestinian property was seized, most of it expensive real estate in the Sheikh Jarrah quarter in the heart of East Jerusalem. The first of the Jewish residential colonies were built on this land mainly Ramat Eshkol, French Hill, Ma'aleh Da'at and Mount Scopus. Today, around 6,000 apartments have been built housing some 20,000 Jews.

In addition to these four residential colonies, an industrial park for Jewish industry was established in the Kalandia area near the Jerusalem Airport which was also part of this wave of land theft.

Second wave: In August 1970, another 14,000 dunums (or 3,500 acres) of privately owned Palestinian property were seized for public purposes. On this land, four large fortress colonies were built. They include Ramot in the northwest, East Talpiot in the southeast, Gilo in the south and Neve Ya'akov in the northeast. Today, the total Jewish population of these four residential colonies is 16,100.

Third Wave: In March, 1980, another 4,500 dunums (1,125 acres) of Palestinian privately owned real estate was seized for the construction of Pisgat Ze'ev to the East. Today the population of this colony is 29,000 Jews. In addition, some 10,000 apartments are presently being built in order to expand the number of Jewish colonists to 50,000 by the end of this year.

There were two white bodies found when our forces killed 10 rebels in the north. We cannot explain this," an official said.

the Palestinians of East Jerusalem. Palestinians living in the so-called unified Jerusalem were not only dispossessed and impoverished for the exclusive benefit of the Jewish population, but were restricted in building on their own land. This was achieved by limiting the number of building licenses to be issued to the Palestinians, by failing to approve the master plan for the Palestinian neighbourhood which would facilitate the issuing of licenses and, finally, by declaring large areas of Palestinian-owned lands as "green zones" meaning that Palestinians are not allowed to build on this land.

Sara Kaminker, a member of the Jewish Municipality of West Jerusalem, and a member of a new party recently formed called Peace for Jerusalem, revealed in an article published in the Arabic daily Al Quds, Aug. 1, 1993, the following:

First, that the Jewish Municipality of Jerusalem "paints in green" or creates green zones only from preventing the Palestinians from building on their own land.

Second, that the green zones can be conveniently changed when Jews decide to build on this land. She gave the example that in one of the meetings of the Municipality of Jerusalem, Mayor Mr. Kollek declared that a new Jewish neighbourhood is planned to be built on Palestinian land in East Jerusalem planted with trees and declared as a green zone.

When Sara Kaminker tried to complain that this would entail destroying trees, Mr. Kollek answered "The only objective in planting these trees is to prevent the Arabs from building on the land until the time comes to build a Jewish quarter."

Kaminker added in this revealing article what Palestinians have known all along that Mayor Kollek had quietly, over the past 26 years of

occupation of East Jerusalem, judaized the city, and that his future plans are to continue in this path in order to create islands of Palestinian populations encircled by a sea of Jews.

Another example of the Jerusalem Municipality's policies of restricting construction in the Palestinian sector, was the decision it made on Aug. 23, 1993 as published in the Jerusalem Post, Aug. 23, 1993, to delay the construction of an Arab girls' school on the pretext that it might constitute a security threat. The council from the Likud, National Religious Party, Haredi factions and Mr. Kollek's representative voted to delay the construction as these factions charged that pupils at the proposed school in Beit Hanina were likely to throw stones at the adjoining settlement of Pisgat Ze'ev. It is worth noting here that Deputy Mayor Ornan Yekutiel called the school opponents "racists and Moshe Amitzur, a council member from Meretz, said, and I quote: "We take most of the land of Beit Hanina to build Pisgat Ze'ev, and then do not even allow them to build a school on what they have left."

This past week, and as reported in Al-Quds newspaper, on Sept. 16, 1993, Jewish Mayor of West Jerusalem, Teddy Kollek, declared after a meeting of the municipal council that no one has done more over the past 26 years than he has for the Judaization of Arab Jerusalem. He also declared that he has approved plans to build five more new Jewish settlements in Arab Jerusalem as follows:

— A new Jewish Quarter on Abu Ghaneim hill owned by the villagers of Sur Baher and Im Tuba.

— Plans by a private contractor, Aboud Levy, to build 400 housing units on the east-

ern slopes of Jahal Mukkaba.

State sector falls; inflation darkens China economy

BEIJING (R) — China's fight against inflation is being seriously hampered by the need to pump cash into increasingly ailing state firms to keep them afloat, economists said Sunday.

Figures released by the State Statistical Bureau show a wretched performance in the first quarter by the state sector, almost half of whose firms lost money.

The bureau, quoted by the China News Service, said output by state firms grew only 2.2 per cent in the quarter over the same period in 1993, compared to 32.1 per cent for the collective sector and 79.1 per cent for other sectors.

It said the plight of state firms, especially in mining, coal production, machinery and metallurgy, was worsening. Many were closed or working only half-time and unable to pay wages because banks had tightened credit.

Even Beijing's capital steel works, considered a model state firm, could only pay wages in February out of bank loans.

The bureau said 49.6 per cent of state firms were in the red in the first quarter, up from

34.2 per cent a year earlier. Losses amounted to 15.7 billion yuan (\$1.8 billion), up 79.7 per cent.

The bureau reported last week that overall industrial output in the first quarter of this year grew by 18.6 per cent over the same period last year, compared to a rise of 23.6 per cent for the whole of 1993 over all 1992.

Retail prices rose more than 20 per cent nationwide in the first quarter over the same 1993 period, compared to a 13 per cent rise for the whole of 1993 over 1992.

The bureau said the immediate cause of the state firms' woes was credit shortages and a market quieter than a year ago, but poor management and long-term debts were underlying problems.

"Those that should die do not die and those that live cannot live well," it said.

Economists say the government's inability to cure the chronic sickness of state firms is a major cause of the inflation which deeply worries policy-makers.

"China's central bank is issuing too much money," said visiting Japanese economist

Ryujiro Komiya. "It should control money issue at a suitable level. I do not understand why China cannot control inflation. It is like boozing. If you drink too much, you not only harm yourself but cause trouble to other people."

But Lin Yifu, an economist at the State Council's Development and Research Centre, said very many state firms would not survive if the government granted credit entirely according to economic criteria.

He said it was hard to curb inflation because so many inefficient state companies could survive only on cheap credit.

Beijing's Mayor Li Qian highlighted the serious political implications of inflation in a work report to the city's People's Congress, printed in the Beijing daily Sunday.

"We must put all our efforts into controlling price increases and solving the living problems of people on low incomes," Mr. Li said.

IMF chief Michel Camdessus has urged China to act to cool off its overheated economy, warning that surging prices threaten to derail Beijing's plans for deep-seated economic reforms.

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Mr. Berlusconi is one of Italy's richest men, owning a \$7 billion a year empire that spans television, publishing and retailing and belongs to

Italy business welcomes change, wants more reforms

VERONA, Italy (R) — Italy's business community welcomed the prospect of a new government with a free-market attitude, but worried about losing gains made under the outgoing administration of Carlo Azeglio Ciampi.

"For the first time, after being in the minority for so many years, free enterprise has been given approval by the majority," Giovanni Agnelli, chairman of car maker Fiat SPA, told a conference attended by Italy's most powerful businessmen.

"Italians... have expressed their clear preference for a free-market system," he told more than 2,000 delegates from industry in Verona Saturday.

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He stepped down Saturday to make way for the new administration, leaving a legacy of

improved public spending controls, sharply lower interest rates and contained inflation.

Under Mr. Ciampi's guidance, Italy also embarked on its long-delayed privatisation programme, selling off three banks, an engineering company and food firms.

He has also paved the way for the privatisation of other companies, including telephones, electricity and oil businesses.

"The new government has the opportunity to work well in guiding and speeding up those changes," Mr. Agnelli said.

"We have only changed parliament, now we have to proceed with changing the legislation," said Pietro Marzotto, chairman of one of Europe's biggest textile and clothing groups.

"Privatisations have passed their first test with flying colours. But... there's still much to do to cut the state's involvement in industry to the level of that in other Western countries," Mr. Agnelli added.

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Mr. Berlusconi's Forza Italia Party has pledged widespread reform and cuts in personal and company taxation.

IEA sees Asia leading energy demand growth

TOKYO (R) — Leading industrial nations will be consuming less than half the world's primary energy by 2010, as Asia's booming economies continue their brisk growth, the International Energy Agency (IEA) said.

Oil demand in OECD countries would rise to 45 million b/d from 38 million b/d, translating into a nine million b/d increase in imports from non-OECD states.

World natural gas consumption would grow by an average of 1.8 per cent a year in the 1990s and three per cent in the following decade, making gas the fastest-growing fossil fuel, the IEA said.

Coal demand would grow by an average of 2.1 per cent per year over the 20-year period, with China expected to account for over half of world coal consumption by 2010, it said.

In nuclear power, currently concentrated in the OECD, the IEA forecast a slowdown in growth due to cost, regulatory and safety concerns. Nuclear power generation would rise 1.2 per cent a year until 2000 and 0.4 per cent thereafter, it said.

Renewable energy — such as geothermal, wind, wave and solar power — accounted for less than 0.5 per cent of total energy consumption in 1991 but would grow by an average of 8.8 per cent a year, the IEA said.

The IEA said the forecasts were based on an assumption that crude oil prices would remain soft — around \$17 a barrel — for a few years and then gradually rise towards \$28, where they would top out.

A rapid improvement in living standards in other developing nations in East Asia would spur massive development of their electricity grids, it said.

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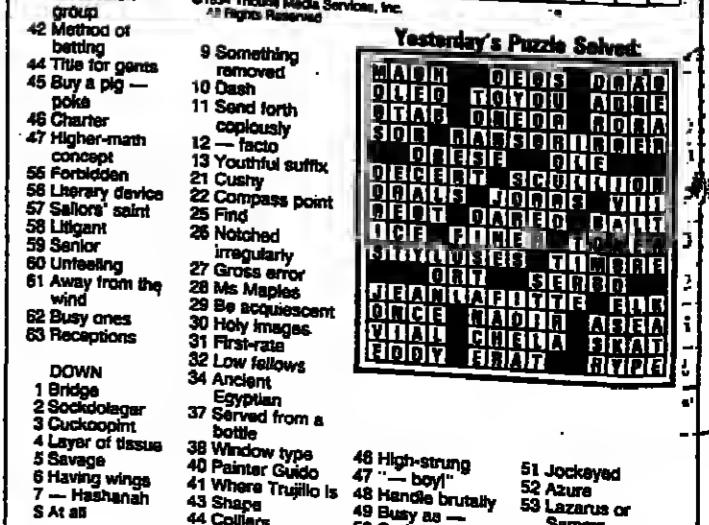
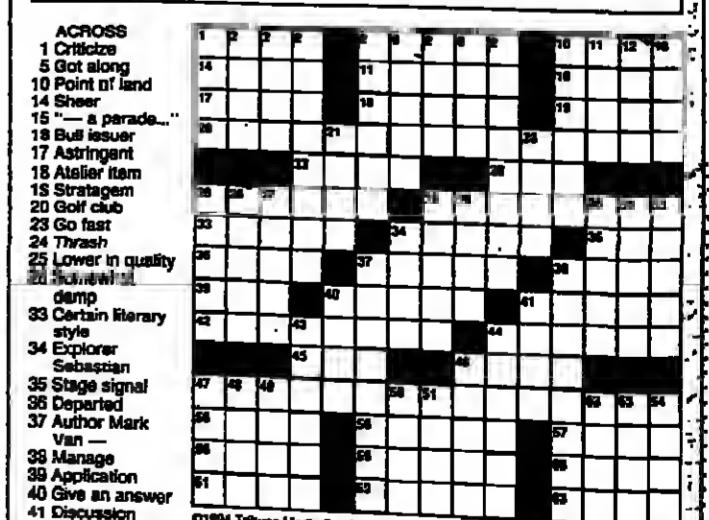
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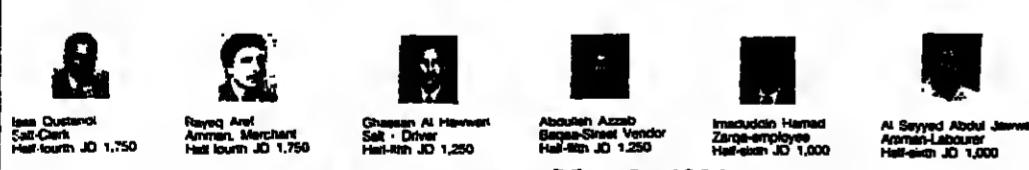
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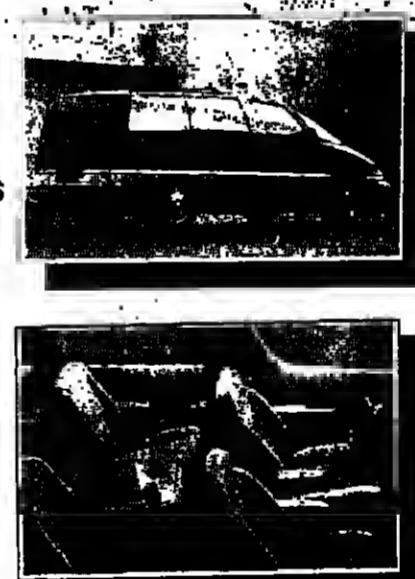
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By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: By persevering with the work at hand you can accomplish much of what you want to achieve this week as you strive to be more successful. Associates will be looking to you for more understanding and leadership in the days ahead.

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Find out what associates are thinking and try to cooperate more than them. Handle a business matter wisely and you will have no problems.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 18) Don't delay investigating an outlet that could give you added income in the days ahead. Don't lose your temper with anyone or there could be adverse consequences.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Don't permit some pressure you are under to keep you from making this a worthwhile day. Be happy with congenial friends and loved ones.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Be alert for an opportunity to advance in your line of endeavour. You can make a fine impression on others at this time.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Associates could have fixed points of view, so don't argue with them today. Strive for harmony at home with your mate and loved ones.

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LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Carry through with ideas that will make your business operations more lucrative. Making adjustments where needed is wise.

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JOHANNESBURG (R) — The Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party (IFP), which is boycotting South Africa's April 26-28 all-race elections, Sunday postponed a Johannesburg protest march banned by the authorities amid fears of bloodshed.

But Inkatha Youth Brigade Chairman Charles Loliwe said the party would announce new date for Monday's protest following a meeting of its leadership.

"The IFP Executive Committee is meeting at the moment to discuss a date for the march but we can say that tomorrow's march has been postponed until an outcome of the committee meeting," Mr. Loliwe told a news conference.

An Inkatha march in South Africa's commercial capital of Johannesburg on March 28 sparked clashes which killed at least 53 people.

President F.W. De Klerk said Saturday that security forces would crack down on any attempt to hold another march Monday.

At least four people were killed in fresh political violence in the Zulu heartland of Natal overnight, the South African Defence Forces and police said Sunday.

Two people were killed in the black township of Kwa-Mashu outside Durban, one man died in Umlazi township and another man in nearby Malagazi, they said in a joint statement.

The latest killings took the death toll in Natal and the

adjoining KwaZulu black homeland since the March 31 declaration of a state of emergency there to at least 22.

Meanwhile, British mediator Lord Carrington Sunday warned that African National Congress (ANC) moderates could have trouble controlling militants after this month's South African elections.

Lord Carrington, a former British foreign secretary who returned this weekend from an abortive mediation mission to South Africa, told interviewer Sir David Frost British Broadcasting Corporation Television that ANC leader Nelson Mandela and President F.W. De Klerk needed each other.

"Mandela needs the whites and the whites need Mandela. So there will be a coalition government that will work for a time. What happens later on will be another matter," he said.

"I would expect the expectations of the blacks are impossible to satisfy and perhaps later on the moderates in the ANC will find it difficult to get on top of those who are more militant," he added.

Lord Carrington and former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger had tried in vain to narrow differences between Mr. Mandela and the Inkatha Freedom Party in the leadup to the country's first all-race elections from April 26 to 28.

Rival South African political leaders have appealed for calm before what they fear may be a

bloody week of election campaigning.

International monitors urged that violence and intimidation, particularly in the Zulu heartland in Natal, should not be allowed to deny South Africans their right to join the community of democratic states during the April 26-28 elections.

Zulu activists backing Inkatha Freedom Party leader Mangosuthu Buthelezi's election boycott threatened a week of mass disruption.

In KwaZulu-Natal, various political parties complain of harassment by the Inkatha Freedom Party.

"Let us avoid conflict," South African State President F.W. De Klerk told cheering supporters of all races at a rally on the outskirts of Johannesburg Saturday.

In Natal, Mr. Mandela — all but assured of the presidency and power — expressed a national sense of exhaustion with the killings and mayhem in the self-governing Zulu homeland.

Mr. Mandela too tried to appeal to Zulus with a speech in praise of the king.

"I was his father's lawyer. The king is like a child of mine. He is the child of mine I love the most. If he talks about peace in KwaZulu-Natal he is going to get respect throughout the world," Mr. Mandela said in Ladysmith in Natal.

Mr. Mandela earlier showed his solidarity with voters facing intimidation in the region, saying: "I would like to come and vote in Natal."

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Sports

Haiti soccer team wants to go home

PORTE-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad (AP) — After failing to obtain asylum in the United States, 16 members of Haiti's national soccer team now want to return home.

"We wanted to get to Miami to play a football match for the Haitian community there, but we couldn't get a visa. We want to go back to Haiti," one of the players told the Associated Press Saturday on condition of anonymity.

After three players submitted asylum applications Thursday, the U.S. embassy told the group their requests could not be granted.

The embassy recommended the players seek asylum in Trinidad and Tobago, a two-island country of 1.2 million located just north of Venezuela.

But they have not done it yet, and foreign affairs minister, Augustus Ramrakessingh, said his government cannot intervene in the matter unless it receives a request for asylum.

The players, who arrived in Trinidad April 7 for the Caribbean Cup — a Concasaf-sanctioned tournament, came with one-month visas and did not seek asylum from the United States immediately.

The U.S. embassy refused to grant their requests because

the U.S. immigration and naturalization act allows only Trinidad residents to apply for political asylum here.

Once the players expressed interest in staying in the United States permanently, they were no longer eligible for visitors' visas, the embassy said in a statement. It also distributed a statement from the U.S. state department.

"The U.S. embassy in Trinidad does not process applications for refugee status," the state department statement said. "There is no established procedure for processing Haitian refugee cases in Haiti."

Should these individuals believe they have a claim to refugee status, they can apply with one of our in-country refugee processing centers in Haiti."

Scores of Haitians have tried to flee their homeland by boat since president Jean-Bertrand Aristide was ousted in an army coup in September 1991. Conditions have greatly deteriorated in the country due to international economic sanctions placed on the country intended to force the military dictatorship out of power.

Fearing a flood of economic refugees, the United States policy has been to immediately return all refugees.

Suns edge San Antonio 96-94

The Associated Press

AT SAN Antonio, Kevin Johnson and A.C. Green combined for Phoenix's last 13 points, leading the Suns to a 96-94 victory over San Antonio Saturday.

Green, who scored 19 of his 23 points in the second half, gave the Suns the lead for good with a three-point play with 1:38 left. Johnson assisted on Green's last three baskets.

David Robinson, who had 39 points, 15 rebounds and seven assists, made one of two foul shots with 38.5 seconds left to pull the Spurs within 96-94.

San Antonio had two chances to tie the game in the final seven seconds. But Negele Knight missed a 3-pointer with 4.1 seconds left and Willie Anderson's reverse layup rimmed out at the buzzer.

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At Seattle, Shawn Kemp had 22 points and 17 rebounds and Gary Payton added 21 points as Seattle won its 60th game, tops in the NBA. The SuperSonics became the 36th team to league history to win as many as 60 games in a season. They won their fifth in a row and 14th out of 15.

Hakeem Olajuwon scored 31 points and Verson Maxwell 30 for the Rockets, who have 56 wins and the league's second-best record.

Vincent Askew clinched the Sonics' second victory in four games against the Rockets this season with two free throws with 10.6 seconds left. That gave Seattle a 100-97 lead. Otis Thorpe had popped in a 5-footer on an offensive rebound for Houston with 16.9 seconds left.

In Atlanta, Andrew Lang tied this season-high with 20 points, including eight during a decisive 26-8 first-half run, and Atlanta took over first place in the Eastern Conference with a rout of Philadelphia.

The Hawks' 12th victory in 15 games and fourth straight moved them a half-game ahead of New York and one game ahead of Chicago in the race for the best record in the conference.

Charles Barkley led Phoenix with 26 points and Johnson added 16 points and 16 assists.

At Seattle, Shawn Kemp had 22 points and 17 rebounds and Gary Payton added 21 points as Seattle won its 60th game, tops in the NBA. The SuperSonics became the 36th team to league history to win as many as 60 games in a season. They won their fifth in a row and 14th out of 15.

Wayman Tisdale scored 31 points and Verson Maxwell 30 for the Rockets, who have 56 wins and the league's second-best record.

Schumacher wins Pacific Grand Prix

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Brazilian Formula One driver Ayrton Senna (center) stands beside his Williams-Renault after a spinout at the first turn right after start of the Pacific Grand Prix in Aida Sunday (AFP photo)

Williams-Renault — after two disappointing seasons, Senna was looking for a win at Aida to help get him back on track toward regaining some of the glory of years past.

Schumacher, who debuted in 1991, moved into the lead with Senna out and was virtually unchallenged as drivers grew increasingly cautious on the twisty course.

"I didn't have to push so hard," Schumacher said. "The last two-thirds of the race I was very relaxed."

Conditions Sunday were

mild after the 57th lap, as oil sprayed the engine of Gianni Morbidelli of Arrows-Ford.

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West led the king of clubs and

when dummy came down it seemed the contract would hinge on the spade finesse or a normal 3-2 split in diamonds. However, West could not possibly hold the king of spades.

The opening lead matched that declarer with the ace of clubs and with the king of spades as well a preempt would have been out of the question.

As the cards lie, a spade shift trick two would have ruined declarer's chances — there would have been no way to avoid losing a trick in each black suit and two diamonds. But West steadily continued with a club and declarer was quick to take advantage.

The club continuation was ruffed and trumps were drawn in two rounds, ending in the closed hand.

Now declarer took the safety play of leading the king of diamonds and running it when West followed low. East won and the only safe return was a diamond. Had West followed to this trick it would have meant that diamonds were 3-2 and declarer's only other loser would be a spade. But when West showed out declarer won, cashed dummy's remaining high diamond and exited with a diamond. East now was forced to concede the contract either by leading into the table's spade tenace or by giving declarer a sluff-and-ruff. The spade loser had vanished.

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Courier, Berasategui win semis at Nice

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Chang, ranked seventh, said he felt great after his first Hong Kong title in four attempts, and complimented Rafter for playing despite his stomach problems.

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Nuclear arms treaty 'needs overhaul'

LONDON (AP) — The international treaty meant to stop the spread of nuclear weapons needs an overhaul, the chairman of the committee negotiating a nuclear test ban said. The five nuclear powers — the United States, Russia, Britain, France and China — are trying to use next year's review of the nuclear non-proliferation treaty to perpetuate their right to keep nuclear weapons, said Mexican Ambassador Miguel Marin-Bosch. Mr. Marin-Bosch, chairman of the Nuclear Test Ban Committee of the 38-nation Conference on Disarmament, gave the keynote address at a conference on proliferation sponsored by Medical Action For Global Security, a new organisation of doctors and health professionals. "The fact is that the nuclear non-proliferation treaty is already unravelling and that it has indeed been held hostage for years by the nuclear weapons states' own determination to continue to build and improve their nuclear arsenals and thus try to maintain their nuclear monopoly," he said. Under the treaty, non-nuclear states forego the acquisition of nuclear weapons in exchange for assistance from the nuclear powers to develop peaceful nuclear energy. More than 140 countries have signed the treaty since it came into force in 1970.

Cambodian leader cancels Bangkok visit

PHNOM PENH (AP) — First Premier Norodom Ranariddh announced the last-minute cancellation Saturday of a trip his co-premier, Hun Sen, had been planning to make to Thailand to discuss border security problems. Cambodian leaders have been complaining that Thailand continues to assist Khmer Rouge guerrillas operating along the frontier with supplies and safe haven. The guerrilla group refuses to abide by the terms of a 1991 peace agreement meant to put an end to over a decade of civil war, and refuses to recognise the authority of the central government. Thai leaders say they ceased aiding the Khmer Rouge after the signing of the accord and Friday accused Phnom Penh of making "groundless accusations." That Foreign Minister Prasong Soonsiri said Thailand would make an official protest over the charges. Prince Ranariddh also announced that the supreme commander of the Thai Armed Forces would come to Cambodia "within a few days" on an official visit. Thai military officials in Bangkok could not be contacted to confirm the announcement. Prince Ranariddh did not explain why Second Premier Hun Sen, who had announced earlier this week his plans to make an "urgent visit for work" to Bangkok Saturday, had cancelled his trip.

U.S. diplomat criticises Germans

BERLIN (AP) — A retiring U.S. diplomat criticised Germany for its attitude on foreigners, saying outsiders are too often made to feel unwelcome and pointing out that the country's nationality law is still based on race. "If Germany is not a racist society, why is its nationality law, which was written in 1913, predicated upon race?" asked Douglas H. Jones, principal officer in the U.S. embassy's office in Berlin. Mr. Jones gave the remarks in a speech Thursday night at the former Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp Memorial in Oranienburg north of Berlin. The diplomat questioned the consistency of remarks by German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who said foreigners were welcome but that Germany is not a nation of immigrants. Mr. Jones noted that Mr. Kohl had not attended the funerals of any foreigners killed in attacks by extremists in the wave of rightist violence that has followed the country's 1990 unification. "If I were a skinhead, I would take a certain amount of comfort in bearing that Germany is not a country of immigration," Mr. Jones said. "That would signal to me that the nearly 7 million foreigners who live here legally do not belong here and that I am justified in wanting them out. And to be honest with you, this sentiment is by no means limited to skinheads."

U.S. jet almost bombs Australians

CANBERRA (R) — A U.S. fighter plane on a night training run in North Australia accidentally dropped a dummy bomb near a but containing 30 Australians, Defence Minister Robert Ray said Sunday. Mr. Ray said officials were investigating the incident two weeks ago near the Delamere Bombing Range 350 kilometres south of Darwin. The plane, reported to be an FA-18, dropped its infra-red-guided 500lb dummy bomb containing no explosive seven kilometres off target. It landed 150 metres from the hut. The increasingly high-tech weapons used in modern warfare may have been a factor in the near-miss, Mr. Ray said. "I suspect already it looks like high technology has, in fact, promoted this particular accident because these bombs rely on infra-red emissions, some of which may have come from the hut," Mr. Ray said in a television interview. Earlier this week two U.S. planes accidentally shot down two U.S. helicopters in northern Iraq's no-fly zone with heat-seeking and radar-guided missiles, believing they were Iraqi helicopters.

Lyon suburbs hit by arson attacks

LYON, France (R) — Gangs of youths rampaged for the second successive night in the depressed suburbs of Lyon, France's second city, burning down a school gymnasium and setting a shopping mall ablaze, police said Sunday. The unrest was triggered by the deaths of three youths in a stolen car which crashed Thursday after a policeman fired shots when they burst through a police roadblock. Youths used a car as a battering ram to break down the doors of the gymnasium in Bron early Sunday morning and set fire to the building with petrol bombs, police said. Damage was estimated at four million francs (\$750,000). In nearby Rilleux-La-Pape, youths threw petrol bombs from a car, torching a chemist's shop and a shopping centre. In Bron and Vaulx-En-Velin, where the gymnasium was burned down the previous night, gangs of dozens of youths played cat and mouse with about 400 riot police for several hours, smashing shop windows and burning two cars. Bron Mayor Jean-Jack Queyranne said police had been given a list of buildings to guard but had gone home at 2 a.m., leaving the way free for the arsonists, whom he said were linked to organised crime. The Socialist mayor demanded that France's conservative government provide more resources for policing Lyon's rough suburbs, a frequent flashpoint of social unrest.

China urged to clarify rules for reporters

HONG KONG (R) — Hong Kong has urged China to clarify rules for journalists working on the mainland after a Beijing court upheld a 12-year jail term on a Hong Kong-based reporter accused of spying. "I very much hope that the Chinese can, at a very early day, make clear exactly what the rules are so that Hong Kong reporters operating in China can ensure that they comply with these rules," Chief Secretary Anson Chan said Saturday. Her appeal follows Beijing's decision to uphold the prison sentence on Xi Yang, a China-born reporter with Hong Kong's Ming Pao newspaper. Mr. Xi was convicted at a secret trial in China late last month of stealing "state secrets" about internal policies on interest rates and gold reserves.

Athens blasts destroy 2 cars

ATHENS (AP) — Time bombs destroyed two cars belonging to official French interests in central Athens early Sunday, police said. No one was injured. The two bombs went off within five minutes of each other at about 5 a.m. (0200 GMT) under two cars parked near the French Institute, a cultural centre, in the Kolonaki district, a police spokesman said. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the blasts. He said the cars had "foreign mission" license plates, but could not immediately identify their owners further. Vehicles with such plates are usually driven by people manning a foreign country's official cultural institute. The officer spoke on condition of anonymity, in accordance with Greek practice. The French Institute was the target of a small bomb blast that caused minor damage several weeks ago. That blast was claimed by Revolutionary Popular Struggle.

Return of 17 Gaza 'fugitives' delayed

By Mariam M. Shahin
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The return of 17 Palestinians who fled the occupied territories during the intifada was delayed Sunday until the fate of over 50 Palestinian expellees tipped to return to the occupied territories is decided by Palestinian and Israeli officials holding bilateral talks in Cairo, a spokesman for the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) said Sunday.

The 17 fugitives will most probably return with the deportees, the spokesman told the Jordan Times. The 17 are members of the Fatah militia and are all intifada activists from Gaza who fled to Egypt to evade capture by the Israeli occupation authorities.

The 50 expellees tipped to return include political activists belonging to Fatah that were expelled during the intifada or before. PLO sources in Amman say that Israelis are refusing to allow the return of any expellee involved in military operations against Israel.

The 50 are expected to come from a total list of some 1,850 people expelled individually by Israel since its occupation of the West Bank, Gaza and East Jerusalem in 1967.

The list of returnees is expected to include Akram Hanafi, top aid of PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat. Mr. Hanafi would be the highest ranking PLO official to be allowed back into the occupied territories.

Two other Arafat aides who were originally tipped to return, Jibril Rajoub from Hebron and Mohammad Dahlan from Gaza are not likely to return with the latest group to be allowed in by Israel.

PLO officials have said in private that the two men were "not very popular" in their home turf despite their political proximity to Mr. Arafat and that Mr. Arafat had decided to delay their return.

Members of political parties or organisations who are opposed to the ongoing peace talks between the PLO and Israel have thus far been excluded from returning.

Palestinian negotiator Nabil Shaath said on Saturday the PLO would insist in the Cairo talks that Israel release thousands of prisoners belonging to the Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas, held for political offences.

But top Israeli negotiator Amnon Shabat said on Friday: "Hamas prisoners will not be released because they are against peace. We are not going to set on the streets those who declare they are going to kill us."

behalf of Fatah, FIDA and the Palestine Peoples Party," said a member of FIDA in Amman, referring to the three Palestinian parties who have participated in the peace talks.

The return of these batch of 50 expellees would be the third since the peace talks began in Madrid in October 1991. The first group of 30 was allowed back in May 1993 and the second batch of 47 was allowed to return in March this year.

By Jordan Times pressline, the final list of returnees was not yet agreed upon but PLO officials believed that a return by Thursday was "possible."

Agencies add: Israel Television reported on Saturday night that the 17 fugitives would be allowed back on Sunday.

But Diah Al Louh, a member of a PLO steering committee in the occupied Gaza Strip, said none would return on Sunday and they were waiting in Cairo for instructions.

A spokesman for Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin would not confirm the number but said "there was agreement to allow some deportees to return."

Rashid Abu Shbak, who returned from exile earlier this month to take over as PLO liaison with Israel, told the Associated Press in occupied Jerusalem that the fugitives, who fled after being put on Israel's wanted list for attacks on Israeli targets, were originally scheduled to arrive Sunday but their return was postponed for technical reasons.

"These fugitives are scattered in Libya, Tunisia, Algeria and it will take a few days to get them to Cairo so they can return to the Gaza Strip," Mr. Abu Shbak said.

Asked whether his pleas were also directed to Iraq's Gulf adversaries, Mr. Mubar-



GRADUATION: His Majesty King Hussein on Sunday presents certificates to His Royal Highness Prince Hamzeh and His Royal Highness Prince Hashem upon their completion of training courses at the Special Forces along with other members of the unit. Attending the graduation

along with the King were His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, His Royal Highness Prince Abdullah, who heads the Special Forces, Royal Court Chief Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker, Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman General Abdul Hafez Miral and senior officials.

COLUMN

Charles rues not being controversial

LONDON (R) — British heir-to-the-throne Prince Charles regrets not being able to be controversial and once seriously contemplated appearing on a humorous television show to brighten up his fuddy-duddy image. In an interview with the Mail On Sunday newspaper, Prince Charles says the royal family has no political axe to grind and he is one of the exclusive group of people "brought up entirely to think about the country." The interview, conducted three weeks ago at the royal family's Sandringham estate in eastern England by Roy Hattersley, former deputy leader of the opposition Labour Party, makes no direct mention of the prince's failed marriage to the glamorous Princess Diana. Prince Charles, 45, says he is frustrated by British tradition which constrains leading royalty from political or other controversial activity and limits a reigning monarch to merely advising a government of the day. "I regret the inability to be controversial. But I know I have to skirt round the more controversial issues." He concedes he once considered appearing on a popular television series featuring comedians Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise or with talk show host Terry Wogan to present a more natural image than usually seen by the general public.

"I was tempted to appear with Morecambe and Wise. Very tempted. On Wogan or something, I could have talked normally, made jokes. But I would have been bound to say something that was held against me for years."

After 20 years, man apologises for racial attack

BOSTON (AP) — It was a photograph that perpetuated Boston's image as a racist city: A white man trying to spear a black man with the long staff of a large American flag. The picture won a Pulitzer Prize. Now, 20 years later, one of the attackers has come forward to apologise to Ted Landsmark, Bobby Powers, who wasn't the person with the flag on April 5, 1976, met twice with Mr. Landsmark at Christmas time and admitted being the one who instigated the attack at City Hall Plaza. "If Bobby's visit has any meaning to me, it's that change occurs over 20 years and reconciliation is possible," Mr. Landsmark said. Mr. Powers, with about 120 fellow residents of the Charlestown neighbourhood, was leaving City Hall following an anti-busing meeting with a city councilor. The whites opposed having blacks bused to their schools as part of a desegregation plan. Mr. Landsmark, then 29, was on his way to City Hall to head a meeting in his capacity as executive director of the Contractors' Association of Boston. The trade group worked to secure city construction contracts for minority builders. As the young, irritated whites crossed paths with the lone black dressed in a three-piece suit, violence erupted. The mob broke Landsmark's nose and the flag staff struck a glancing blow across his face when a man jabbed it at him like a bayonet. "Even though my glasses had been knocked off, I could see it coming and I leaned back. It missed me by inches," recalled Mr. Landsmark, now 47. Since that day, Mr. Landsmark, a Yale graduate and lawyer, has held positions in higher education and in two mayoral administrations.

New age Catholic priest joins Episcopalians

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A Roman Catholic priest who was censured by the Vatican has found a new home for his new age blend of Christianity, environmentalism, social justice and feminism.

The Rev. Matthew Fox was welcomed into the Episcopal Church Friday, bringing with him his "creation spirituality" and his plans for a high-tech, multimedia mass to lure youths back to Christianity. The services will be similar to one developed in England, which used 42 television sets and 12-video cameras to record and rebroadcast sermons and the mass, interspersed with images of American Televangelists, industrial pollution and an embrace between President Bill Clinton and Prime Minister John Major.

Washington seeks \$8.4 million military aid for Jordan and \$1,800 million for Israel

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The Clinton administration is seeking \$8.4 million in military assistance for Jordan for fiscal year 1995, compared with \$1.8 billion for Israel and \$1.3 billion for Egypt — two other Middle East countries which Washington describes as its partners in peace along with Jordan.

The Defense Department submitted a formal request for approval for \$3.11 billion in foreign military assistance for nine countries to a House of Representatives subcommittee last week, summarising Washington's perspective of relations with the Middle Eastern countries, the United States Information Service (USIS) reported.

The presentation was made by Frederick C. Smith, acting deputy assistant secretary of defense for Near Eastern and South Eastern affairs. A copy of the text was made available to the Jordan Times by the USIS in Amman.

Of \$8.4 million sought for Jordan, \$7.3 million are for military financing and \$1.1 million for direct training, Mr. Smith told the House of Representatives Foreign Affairs Committee's sub-Committee on Europe and the Middle East.

The amount compares with requests for military assistance to Jordan worth \$8.8 million in 1994, \$21.25 million in 1993, and \$9.55 million for 1992. (Figures for non-military assistance are not included. The American fiscal year is October to September.)

Mr. Smith's presentation referred to the figures for 1994

and 1993 only as "requested." (Officials have said that the requests were granted, and most of the funds have been disbursed, after holding them back for several months).

Mr. Smith described Jordan as a "key player" in the 29-month-old Arab-Israeli peace process "because of its geographic position and (His Majesty) King Hussein's stature in the region."

"The Jordanians are active participants in both the bilateral and multilateral fora and may be on the verge of reaching a peace agreement with Israel," according to Mr. Smith. "U.S.-Jordanian military relations have been traditionally quite strong, but suffered from the strain of Jordan's position during the Gulf war," he added.

"The U.S.-Jordanian relationship, however, has been revived over the past year," the Pentagon official said and referred to the meeting last January of the U.S.-Jordanian Joint Military Commission.

"The strong affinity between our two militaries arises from a long history of cross-training at the unit level," he added.

He noted that Jordan is an active contributor to international peacekeeping operations "on a scale far exceeding what we might normally expect from a country of its size."

"The Jordanian Armed Forces have fielded three battalions in Croatia, a military police company in Cambodia, a 20-man contribution to Liberia, radar crews to support UNPROFOR in Bosnia and is providing training and equipment for the nascent Palestinian police force in Gaza and Jenin," Mr. Smith told the congressional committee.

The Pentagon official noted

that Jordanian military equipment is largely of American origin and estimated the cost of maintaining the equipment at about \$120 million every year. "Much of this expense was provided by traditional foreign aid donors, including the U.S., many of whom have since withdrawn or sharply reduced," he conceded.

"Jordan's military readiness since the Gulf war has suffered greatly, and King Hussein has been forced to direct reductions in the size of the armed forces with a new focus on the border security mission," Mr. Smith said.

The amount sought for Jordan, he said, is "essential to maintaining even a portion of the existing inventory at acceptable readiness level" and "allow the Jordanian military to maintain interoperability with U.S. forces, heighten respect for human rights, and strengthen their understanding of the proper role of the military in democratic societies."

The Pentagon is maintaining military aid to Israel and Egypt at the same levels of the past years, at \$1.8 billion for the Jewish state and \$1.3 billion for Egypt.

The figures reflect a much higher total than officially announced by Congress and than any mentioned in the mainstream American press, which usually gives the annual U.S. aid figure to Israel as "in excess of \$3 billion."

Normally, the actual figures, as calculated by the General Accounting Office (GAO), are not released for public information unless a specific request is made. Since the mid-1980s, American activists as well as Arab-American lobbying groups such as the Anti-Discrimination Committee have made it a point to seek specific figures from the GAO, the investigating arm of Congress.

In addition to \$1.8 billion in military aid and \$1.2 billion in economic assistance given to Israel as direct aid in fiscal 1994, the administration and Congress allocated additional funds worth \$1.271 billion from the 1993 budget or "off-

"We will continue to supplement Israel's military financing through other extraordinary authorities, such as early disbursement of funds, transfer of excess defence articles ... the drawdown of up to \$700 million of defence items from (Pentagon) stocks, and war reserve stockpiles valued at \$300 million," Mr. Smith told the committee.

Including non-military aid, American taxpayers paid up to \$6.321 billion in direct and indirect assistance to Israel in fiscal 1994, according to data compiled by the Washington Report on Middle East Affairs.

The allocation was made in November, at a time when no agreement had been reached between Israel and the PLO on an Israeli withdrawal or how complete the redeployment would be or when it would take place.

In addition, Washington extended further aid to Israel through \$700 million as "drawdowns of U.S. weapons in Europe for transfer to Israel"; \$300 million for creating a "U.S. weapons stockpile" in the Jewish state; \$180 million in fuel oil and fuel tanks to create a petroleum reserve in Israel; \$50 million in interest paid by the U.S. government on money borrowed for 1993 aid to Israel; and \$80 million to absorb refugees from Ethiopia and the former Soviet Union.

Unspecified allocations were also made to fund the Arrow anti-ballistic missile, a short-range unmanned aerial vehicle and a night targeting system for Cobra helicopters. The allocation was made in November, at a time when no agreement had been reached between Israel and the PLO on an Israeli withdrawal or how complete the redeployment would be or when it would take place.